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NRO REVIEW COMPLETED

The Honorable Foy D. Kohler
Deputy Under Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Foy:

Recommendation #7 of the NSAM 156 Ad Hoc Committee report of 11 July 1966 recommended that: "The Director of Central Intelligence, in consultation with the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office, should review and establish appropriate security restrictions on cameras and other sensing apparatus and equipment which can be made available for NASA's program of non-military applications of satellite earth-sensing. It is recognized that substantial compartmentalization will probably have to remain, but the non-military programs should be enabled to profit from relevant achievements of the military program to the extent feasible." In response to this recommendation a small group of experts was convened by Dr. Flax and has completed a report containing findings and recommendations which I have approved. I am attaching a copy of this report and expect that it will be used as a basis for NRO dealings with NASA on equipment and technology in line with Recommendation #7 noted above.

Cordially,

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Director

Attachment: [redacted]

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